

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: A SUBSCRIBER CARD, A SUBSCRIBER UNIT, AND AN EXCHANGE FOR
CONCENTRATING INTERNET FRAMES

COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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REMARKS

Applicant offers the following comments in response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance set forth on page 2 of the Notice of Allowability dated August 1, 2008. The Reasons for Allowance do not accurately restate the claimed invention.

The Examiner does not accurately recite the claim language of either of the allowed claims 19 or 20. Specifically, the Examiner indicates that no prior art reference or combination of prior art references disclose or suggest:

“a first carrier detect and collision resolution interface circuit coupled to the first means and coupled to **the** first bus and a second carrier detect and collision resolution interface circuit coupled to the first means and coupled to **the** second bus, wherein the first synchronous bus is

coupled to the first bus of the digital subscriber card, and the second synchronous bus is coupled to the second bus of the digital subscriber card” (claim 19),

or

“a first carrier detect and collision resolution interface circuit coupled to the controller and coupled to **the** first bus, and a second carrier detect and collision resolution interface circuit coupled to the controller and coupled to a second bus, **wherein the first synchronous bus is coupled to the second bus of the digital subscriber card**” (claim 20).

However, as indicated in the most recent amendment of July 9, 2008, the claimed subscriber units comprise:

“a first carrier detect and collision resolution interface circuit coupled to the first means and coupled to **a** first bus, and a second carrier detect and collision resolution interface circuit coupled to the first means and coupled to **a** second bus, wherein the first synchronous bus is coupled to the first bus of the digital subscriber card, and the second synchronous bus is coupled to the second bus of the digital subscriber card” (claim 19),

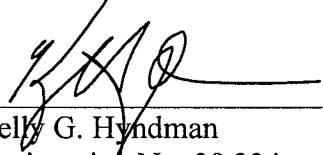
and

“a first carrier detect and collision resolution interface circuit coupled to the controller and coupled to **a** first bus, and a second carrier detect and collision resolution interface circuit coupled to the controller and coupled to a second bus, **wherein the first synchronous bus is coupled to the first bus of the digital subscriber card, and the second synchronous bus is coupled to the second bus of the digital subscriber card**” (claim 20).

Applicant indicates above in bold type the differences between the claim language stated in the Statement of Reasons for Allowance and the claim language of the amendment of July 9, 2008. Correction is respectfully requested.

Patent Office personnel are requested to note that the present submission does not adversely affect the patent term adjustment accrued by the Applicant to date. As emphasized in the "Clarification of 37 C.F.R. §1.704(c)(10) – Reduction of Patent Term Adjustment for Certain Types of Papers Filed After a Notice of Allowance Has Been Mailed," 1247OG111 (6/26/01), "a response to the examiner's reasons for allowance" is an example of a paper that does "not cause substantial interference and delay in the patent issue process" and is "not considered a 'failure to engage in reasonable efforts' to conclude processing or examination of the application." Therefore, the Applicant remains entitled to the full patent term adjustment set forth on page 3 of the Notice of Allowance dated August 1, 2008.

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